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What is claimed is:

1. A multifunction device, comprising:

a multifunction controller;

a first interface for receiving input data from a document source and a second interface for outputting processed input data to at least one printer;

a third interface for coupling to a global data communications network for receiving current document data as well as up to date recipient contact information therefrom; and

a graphical user interface for controlling the operation of said multifunction device, including controlling access to and searching of remote databases coupled to said global data communications network.

2. A multifunction device as in claim 1, wherein said remote databases comprise a database of forms, a security database, and a directory database.

3. A multifunction device as in claim 1, wherein said graphical user interface controls the operation of said multifunction device for accessing and searching a database containing said recipient contact information for sending at least one of a facsimile or an e-mail that contains processed input data.

4. A multifunction device as in claim 1, wherein said global data communications network is comprised of the Internet.

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5. A multifunction device as in claim 1, and further comprising at least one local database comprising information that duplicates at least a portion of information stored in said remote databases, said at least one local database being accessible by said multifunction controller.

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